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1. THE SENATE BY A VOTE OF 51-44 TODAY DEFEATED PROPOSALS BY SENATORS MANSFIELD AND CRANSTON FOR A 40 PER CENT REDUCTION IN OUR OVERSEAS FORCE DEPLOYMENTS. THE VOTE THIS AFTERNOON SUPERSEDED AN EARLIER VOTE TODAY ON A RELATED PROCEDURAL MEASURE WHICH SENATOR MANSFIELD HAD WON BY A VOTE OF 49-46.

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2. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHAT OTHER FORCE CUT AMENDMENTS MAY

BE PROPOSED. WE HAD EARLIER INFORMATION THAT IN THE EVENT
MANSFIELD AND CRANSTON WERE DEFEATED, SENATOR MUSKIE MIGHT
PROPOSE A ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND MAN CUT IN EUROPEAN FORCES,
AND THAT SENATOR HUMPHREY MIGHT PROPOSE A CUT OF ONE-
HUNDRED THOUSAND IN OUR TOTAL OVERSEAS FORCES. SENATE
DEBATE ON THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT BILL WILL PROBABLY CON-
TINUE THROUGH THIS WEEK. RUSH

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